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SUBJECT: U.S. POSITION REGARDING AID TO VIETNAM

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1. YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION REGARDING AID TO
VIETNAM AS SUMMARIZED REF A IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. WE
SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT YOU DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE
WHEN DISCUSSING THE QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE WITH THE NZ
GOVERNMENT.

2. NORTH VIETNAM: SECTION 111 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1974, PROHIBITS
DIRECT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE THE USG TO NORTH VIETNAM
AND, WHERE U.S. CONTRIBUTES TO A SPECIAL MULTILATERAL
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INDOCHINA ACTIVITY WHICH INCLUDES ASSISTANCE TO NORTH

VIETNAM, USE IN NORTH VIETNAM OF THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION IS ALSO EXCLUDED. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, INTERPRET THE STATUTORY PROHIBITIONS AS PRECLUDING OUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE PROGRAMS MAY INCLUDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NORTH VIETNAM.

3. DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM: WE FEEL GENERALLY THAT THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE SHOULD REST WITH THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED THE NEW AUTHORITIES IN SAIGON THROUGH THE RECENT CONFLICT. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE PREPARED TO LOOK ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AT SPECIFIC HUMANITARIAN REQUESTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES.

4. MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM THROUGH UN AGENCIES: OUR POLICY HERE IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS THAT WHICH HAS PREVAILED WITH RESPECT TO NORTH VIETNAM; THAT IS, WE WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRAMS IN WHICH SPECIFIC U.S. FUNDS WERE USED IN ANY PART OF VIETNAM. IN THE CASE OF PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN BY INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A WORLDWIDE OR AREA WIDE PROGRAM WE WOULD NOT OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL BUT WOULD NOT WISH TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH THE VIETNAMESE PORTION. IN SUCH CASES, WE WOULD ALSO STRESS TO THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCY THAT (A) SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE REQUESTED BY THE COUNTRY CONCERNED; (B) IF THE ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED, APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE AGENCY SHOULD BE GRANTED ADMISSION TO THE AREA TO PARTICIPATE IN AND EVALUATE THE PROGRAMS; AND (C) SUCH ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE IN REASONABLE AMOUNTS.

5. AS TO ASSISTANCE PROVIDED THROUGH IFIS SUCH AS THE IBRD OR ADB, WE ARE REPEATING BY SEPARATE MESSAGE AN EARLIER CABLE WHICH OUTLINES OUR POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ADB INVOLVEMENT IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM, WHICH MAY ALSO BE HELPFUL TO YOU IN FORMULATING YOUR RESPONSE TO THE NEW ZEALANDERS.

6. FYI: UPCOMING TEMPORARY FY 1976 APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY CONTINUING RESOLUTION (CR) WILL CONTAIN SWEEPING PRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIBITION AGAINST USE OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE CR FOR ASSISTANCE TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS, ALTHOUGH PRECISE IMPACT OF THIS PROVISION HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY EVALUATED.

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